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In re Application of: SHEPODD  
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HYDROGEN GETTERS  
Art Unit: 1714  
Examiner: THEXTON, M.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants submit the following in complete response to the Office  
Action of 01/08/2004, a final action. In view of the response below,  
Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.